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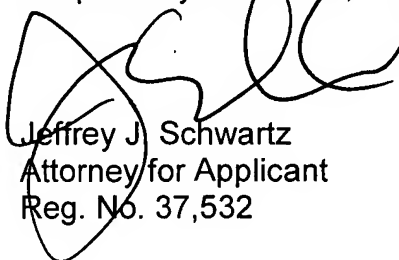
**STATUS REQUEST**

Sir:

The undersigned filed the above-referenced patent application on September 25, 2003. The undersigned received the updated Filing Receipt from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 28, 2004 and the recorded Assignment October 4, 2004. As of this date, we have not received any other correspondence in reference to the application.

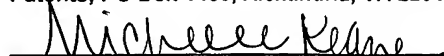
It is therefore respectfully requested that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office reply to the undersigned as to the status of the above-referenced matter.

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